

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A sound control system comprising:

a mixing unit which applies a mixing process to a plurality of sound signals input from a plurality of input systems, and outputs resultant signals to a plurality of output systems;

a storing device which stores plural sets of detailed setting information to indicate setting states of respective parameters associated with the mixing process; and

a simple control unit; ~~which sets of a part of parameters out of respective parameters;~~

wherein the simple control unit includes

a plurality of operating pieces, and

an instruction transmitting unit which transmits an input calling instruction to the mixing unit when a calling instruction of a certain detailed setting information is input via any operating piece out of the plurality of operating pieces, and

wherein the mixing unit and the mixing process are controlled by the respective parameters, wherein the mixing unit includes

a receiving unit which receives the calling instruction of the certain detailed setting information from the simple control unit, and

a deciding unit, responsive to at least one authorization parameter that is a predetermined subset of the respective parameters and that is authorized to be set by

~~the simple control unit, identifying information which identifies the parameter that the simple control unit is authorized to set among~~ for applying the at least one authorization parameter to restrict setting, on the mixing unit, a plurality of parameters indicated in the certain detailed setting information and associated with the mixing process.

2. (Currently Amended) The sound control system according to claim 1, wherein ~~an~~ the at least one authorization parameter ~~identifying information to identify a parameter that the simple control unit is authorized to set~~ is contained in the detailed setting information.

3. (Original) The sound control system according to claim 2 further comprising:

an information generating device which generates the detailed setting information in response to an input operation, and stores a generated detailed information in the storing device.

4. (Currently Amended) A sound control system comprising:

a mixing unit which applies a mixing process to a plurality of sound signals input from a plurality of input systems, and outputs resultant signals to a plurality of output systems;

a storing device which stores plural sets of detailed setting information to indicate setting states of respective parameters associated with the mixing process; and

a simple control unit; ~~which sets a part of parameters out of respective parameters;~~

wherein the simple control unit includes

a plurality of operating pieces,

an instruction transmitting unit which transmits an input calling instruction to the mixing unit when a calling instruction of a certain detailed setting information is input via any operating piece out of the plurality of operating pieces, and

an assigning unit which receives an authorization parameter information corresponding to the calling instruction from the mixing unit, and assigning an ~~authorization~~ parameter to the operating pieces based on the received authorization parameter information, and

wherein the mixing unit and the mixing process are controlled by the respective parameters, wherein the mixing unit includes

a receiving unit which receives the calling instruction from the simple control unit, and

a transmitting unit, responsive to at least one authorization parameter that is a predetermined subset of the respective parameters and that is authorized to be set

~~by the simple control unit, identifying information which identifies the parameter that the simple control unit is authorized to set among~~ for a) applying the at least one authorization parameter to restrict a plurality of parameters indicated in the certain detailed setting information and associated with the mixing process, and b) transmitting~~[[s]]~~ the at least one authorization parameter to the simple control unit as the authorization parameter information.

5. (Currently Amended) The sound control system according to claim 4, wherein an operating piece assigning information to identify an operating piece to which the at least one authorization parameter is assigned is contained in the authorization parameter information.

6. (Currently Amended) The sound control system according to claim 4, wherein ~~an authorization parameter identifying information to identify a parameter that the simple control unit is authorized to set~~ the at least one authorization parameter is contained in the detailed setting information.

7. (Currently Amended) The sound control system according to claim 4, wherein, when a plurality of simple control units are equipped, the transmitting unit decides the at least one authorization parameter for respective simple control units in such a manner that the at least one authorization parameter is decided differently among respective simple control units.

8. (Original) The sound control system according to claim 4, further comprising:

an information generating device which generates the detailed setting information *in response to an input operation*, and then storing a generated detailed information in the storing device.

9. (Currently Amended) The sound control system of claim 1 wherein the deciding unit acts on ~~predefined~~ the at least one authorization parameter ~~identifying information~~ which restricts in advance the parameters that can be set by the simple control unit.

10. (Currently Amended) The sound control system of claim 4 wherein the assigning unit acts to generate the at least one authorization parameter ~~identifying information~~ which restricts in advance the parameters that can be set by the simple control unit.

11. (Previously Presented) The sound control system of claim 1 wherein the plural sets of detailed settings information are plural sets of predetermined detailed settings information.

12. (Previously Presented) The sound control system of claim 4 wherein the plural sets of detailed settings information are plural sets of predetermined detailed settings information.

13 (New) A sound control system comprising:

a mixing unit which applies a mixing process to a plurality of sound signals input from a plurality of input systems, and outputs resultant signals to a plurality of output systems;

a first control unit in communication with the mixing unit and having a plurality of control input points, wherein the first control unit a) allows a user to set values of, through the plurality of control input points during the mixing process, a plurality of control parameters for controlling the mixing unit and b) allows a user to select a subset of the plurality of control parameters and stores the selected subset as authorization parameters;

a second control unit separate from the first control unit, in communication with the mixing unit, and operating a function of the mixing process assigned by the mixing unit;

wherein the mixing unit a) receives the authorization parameters from the first control unit and b) only assigns one or more control function, to the second control unit and in response to the authorization parameters, that operates to only allow a user to set a value of one or more of the authorization parameters.

14 (New) The sound control system of claim 13, wherein the first control unit further comprises a keyboard that implements the plurality of control input points.